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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

GEORGE, DILEEP

Examiner

Chuong D Ngo

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 February 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 and 18-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 15-17 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 February 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The drawings are objected to because figure 4 does not clearly show the gray lines that indicate the data flow for FHT. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.
2. Claims 1-10, 14, 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

As per claim 1, the recitation of "a multiplexer" on line 5 appears to be misdescriptive. It should be "a multiplier". Claim 10 also has the same problem.

As per claim 6, the claim is redundant as reciting the same limitation of claim 5.

As per claim 14, the recitation "can be", line 1, is indefinite.

As per claim 19, the recitation "the method of claim 1" is indefinite. It should be --the method of claim 11 --. Claim 20 also has the same problem.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-3,9-14,18 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Thibodeau, Jr. (4,689,762).

As per claims 1-3, Thibodeau, Jr. discloses an FFT transformation engine (see figure 3) including an address generator (control circuit 28, see col. 4, lines 51-52), a twiddle LUT (42), a butterfly unit (50,52,70,72,74,76, see figure 4), and a multiplier (78,80,82) as claimed.

As per claims 9 and 10, Thibodeau, Jr. also discloses in figure 3 an input buffer (22,24,26), and an output buffer (48).

As per claims 11-14, 18 and 19. Thibodeau, Jr. discloses a sharing of the FFT transformation engine between multiple transformation operations as claimed. (see col. 3, lines 3-13, col. 4, lines 59-63, and col. 6, line 34-53).

5. Claims 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thibodeau, Jr. (4,689,762) as applied to claim 11 above, and further in view of Hallier et al. (6,130,915).

It is noted that Thibodeau, Jr. does not specifically disclose a use of the FFT transformation engine in an OFDM receiver, and thus does not discloses decoding radio frequency channel data from the transformed data. However, Hallier et al. discloses in figure 5, an OFDM receiver having a radio frequency channel decoder (55) for decoding Fourier transformed data from an OFDM demodulator (53) (see col. 7. lines 50-61). Hallier et al also discloses that the Fourier transform in the OFDM demodulator is accomplished by an aid of a known FFT algorithm. Thus, it would have been an obvious field of use to a person of ordinary skill in the art to utilize the FFT transformation of Thibodeau, Jr. in the OFDM demodulator of Hallier et al in order to reduce circuitry (see Thibodeau, Jr., col. 2, lines 227-29). The combination of references would clearly result in the invention as claimed.

6. Claims 15-17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chuong D Ngo whose telephone number is (571) 272-3731. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kakali Chaki can be reached on (571) 272-3719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Primary Examiner
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